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Validation of *Moellerodiscus coprosmae*

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Abstract — When originally published, the protologue of *Moellerodiscus coprosmae* inadvertently referred to type specimens in two distinct collections, one a herbarium (PDD), the other a culture collection (ICMP). The ICMP culture had been derived from germinated ascospores taken from the specimen subsequently dried and deposited in PDD. Article 8.4 of ICBN (Vienna Code) allows that type specimens of fungi may be living cultures, thus two separate specimens were designated as the holotype. This paper validates the name by clarifying that the dried specimen PDD 64924 is the holotype, and that ICMP 14146 is a culture derived from the type.

Key words — nomenclature, *Rutstroemiaceae*, *Helotiales*

Johnston & Park (2002) proposed a new species, *Moellerodiscus coprosmae*. In the protologue, two different specimens were designated as the type, PDD 64924 and ICMP 14146. Although clear from the Methods that the ICMP specimen was a culture derived from the field collection PDD 64924, as ICBN Art. 8.4 (McNeill et al. 2006) allows living cultures to be designated as types for fungi, the protologue inadvertently designated two specimens in two different collections as the holotype. This is contrary to ICBN Art. 9.1 and 37.7, and hence the species name was invalidly published.

To validate this species, PDD 64924 is here designated as the holotype, and ICMP 14146 as a culture derived from the type. Following ICBN Art. 36.1, the Latin diagnosis and description is available from Johnston & Park (2002: 107–108).

Moellerodiscus coprosmae P.R. Johnst., **sp. nov.**

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Holotypus: New Zealand: Auckland: Hunua Ranges, Waharau Regional Park, vic. education camp, on fallen leaves of *Coprosma robusta*, P.R. Johnston D1212, 7 Aug 1995, PDD 64924 (culture from type specimen, ICMP 14146).

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